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POPLAR BLUFF MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO UNLAWFULLY ATTEMPTING TO PURCHASE A FIREARM

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A Poplar Bluff, Missouri man pled guilty today to charges of unlawfully attempting to purchase a firearm, announced United States Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway.

ALLEN D. REDMON, age 29, pled guilty to one felony count of Attempted Acquisition of a Firearm by a False Statement Intended to Deceive the Firearms Dealer. He appeared before United States District Judge Jean C. Hamilton.

On April 1, 2007, Allen D. Redmon attempted to purchase a Rossi shotgun from K-Mart of Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Redmon filled out an ATF Form 4473, as requested by a K-Mart employee and required by law. That form asked if Redmon had ever been convicted in any court of a crime for which the judge could have imprisoned him for more than one year, even if the judge actually gave him a shorter sentence. Redmon answered this question, "NO" in writing.

At the time Redmon answered the questions on the Form 4473, he knew that he had been previously convicted of the felonies of Manufacturing Dangerous Drugs and Negligent Child Abuse. Redmon knew that his answer was false at the time he made his answer.

Redmon now faces a maximum punishment of 10 years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. Sentencing has been set for February 25, 2008.

Hanaway praised the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for their work on the case. Assistant United States Attorney Keith D. Sorrell handled the prosecution for the Government.